

## CRICKET

## Focus on - Halifax CC

## New club built on fine past

BETWEEN 1830 and 1855 the dominant cricket club in Halifax was Halifax Clarence, probably named after King William VI, formerly Duke of Clarence before his coronation in 1830.

Although no direct link has been established, in some respects this club can be regarded as a forerunner to the original Halifax CC.

Halifax Trinity, which evolved into Halifax Cricket Club, first emerged in 1856, the year after Halifax Clarence folded, and by 1862 had succeeded Clarence as the town's dominant cricket club.

Like Clarence, Trinity began with a few inauspicious encounters on Skircoat Moor. They moved to Pellon Lane in 1861 and then to the former Clarence ground on King Cross Lane in 1862.

The club moved to another former Clarence ground at Hanson Lane in 1876 before settling at Thrum Hall in 1886, by

which time 'Trinity' had been dropped and the name changed to Halifax Cricket Club.

Halifax had a long and distinguished history before folding in 1998 after four seasons in the Huddersfield League.

Meanwhile, down the Calder - Valley Mytholmroyd Methodists CC was formed in 1894 as Mytholmroyd Wesleyan Sunday School CC.

They played initially in the Hebden Bridge League and moved to what became their permanent ground, Scout Road, in 1906.

The club kept playing during the Great War - which was quite unusual - but could only raise a single side.

In 1933 they became Mytholmroyd Methodists Sunday School CC and went on to play in the Halifax & District Amateur League (1941) and the Halifax League (1952).

A pavilion was erected

at Scout Road in 1963 - but it was burnt down in 2004.

By 2005, worn down by ground problems, 'The Meths' had disbanded.

But a new club was formed under an old moniker, Halifax CC. They stayed at Scout Road for a season and then in 2006 moved to new premises at South Halifax High School, Siddal.

The spacious and well appointed ground looks out over a vast expanse of southern Calderdale and is a wonderful new venue. The cricketers now change in the school dressing rooms and take tea in the first-floor bar.

## FACT FILE

**Founded:** 2005 as the 'new' Halifax CC  
**Ground:** South Halifax High School, Siddal  
**Local Hero:** Nigel Sladdin, the man who worked hard to make the switch to Siddal happen

This is the latest in our series on Calderdale clubs, produced by Dr Peter Davies of the Cricket Heritage Project at Huddersfield University. It will continue every Saturday through the summer.



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Proud history: The Halifax side from 1944